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SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP MAXIMUM EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION CHANGE

**CROSS REFERENCE:** Food Stamp Handbook, Appendix 16.7.0 and 18.3.0.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 1, 2001

#### **PURPOSE**

This memo provides an update to the Excess Shelter Deduction Maximum for Food Stamp (FS) households that do not contain an elderly or disabled member.

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 28, 2000, President Clinton signed the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 (PL 106-387). Part of this new legislation provides for an increase in the maximum excess shelter deduction in the Food Stamp Program.

### MAXIMUM EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION INCREASE

This deduction will increase from \$300 to \$340 for all households where eligibility is determined for FS on or after March 1, 2001. Food units that contain an elderly or disabled member do not have a shelter expense deduction cap.

### **CARES**

CARES will be programmed to allow the increase for all cases when SFED is run on or after March 01, 2001.

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